

## EPI Update for Friday, February 3, 2012 Center for Acute Disease Epidemiology (CADE) Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH)

Items for this week's EPI Update include:

- **Optional treatment regimen for latent TB infection**
- **Update on Nitazoxanide availability from the CDC**
- **Meeting announcements and training opportunities**

### **Optional treatment regimen for latent TB infection**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has issued recommendations for an additional option for the treatment of latent TB infection (LTBI). To access the full recommendation and the Iowa Department of Public Health's comment on this regimen, visit <http://www.idph.state.ia.us/IDPHChannelsService/file.ashx?file=FC184007-1EC8-4B23-B236-5F6674392C8F>.

### **Update on Nitazoxanide availability from the CDC**

CDC has received multiple inquiries from health care providers across the United States about the inability to fill prescriptions for Alinia (nitazoxanide). Alinia is the only U.S. Food and Drug Administration-approved drug to treat cryptosporidiosis in immunocompetent patients. Romark Laboratories, the manufacturer of Alinia, recently changed sites where Alinia is manufactured. Romark Laboratories anticipates that wholesalers will be re-stocked with new supplies of Alinia tablets this month. In the interim, if Alinia tablets are needed but unavailable through wholesalers or pharmacies, Romark Laboratories can ship single bottles of tablets directly to a pharmacy. To make shipping arrangements, please call 813-282-8544. Romark Laboratories indicates that Alinia suspension is now available as well.

For more information on cryptosporidiosis, visit [www.idph.state.ia.us/IDPHChannelsService/file.ashx?file=66C275B0-3645-435E-AE6E-BBC18EE585AF](http://www.idph.state.ia.us/IDPHChannelsService/file.ashx?file=66C275B0-3645-435E-AE6E-BBC18EE585AF). For more information on treating cryptosporidiosis, visit [www.cdc.gov/parasites/crypto/treatment.html](http://www.cdc.gov/parasites/crypto/treatment.html).

### **Meeting announcements and training opportunities**

#### **Campylobacter: A bug's life**

Dr. Michael Pentella of the State Hygienic Lab (SHL) will present the webinar, "Campylobacter: A bug's life," on Thursday, February 9, 2012 from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. Objectives include a review of the disease process, description of the epidemiology of campylobacteriosis, and a discussion of the detection methods for campylobacter species.

The webinar is free to participants. To register, email Rick Bonar at: [richard-bonar@uiowa.edu](mailto:richard-bonar@uiowa.edu). For multiple participants at one site, please provide a number of attendees when you register.

**Iowa Governor's Conference on Public Health**

The 2012 Iowa Governor's Conference on Public Health will be held April 17 and 18 at the Scheman Conference Center in Ames. Registration is now open. The conference brochure and online registration can be accessed at [www.iowapha.org](http://www.iowapha.org) under the [Iowa Governor's Conference on Public Health](#) tab.

**Council for State and Territorial Epidemiologists**

The Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists will hold its Annual Conference in Omaha, Nebraska, June 3-7, 2012. Registration for the conference is open. For conference materials and online registration, go to [www.csteconference.org](http://www.csteconference.org).